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SUBJ: CYPRUS: IMPRESSIONS LEFT BY FOREIGN MINISTER

GUNES

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1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION AMBASSADOR BENNETT
PROBED GREEK PERMREP CARAYANNIS ON BITSIOS-GUNES
RELATIONSHIP IN NEW YORK DURING LAST WEEK'S HANDLING OF
CYPRUS ISSUE. CARAYANNIS SAID THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS
HAD GOTTEN ON QUITE WELL TOGETHER AND HAD USEFUL CONVERSATIONS.
GUNES HAD BEEN RATHER EVASIVE WHEN BITSIOS PUT QUESTION TO
HIM DIRECTLY WHETHER TURKEY WANTED TO SEE SUCCESSFUL
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, AND
SPECIFICALLY WOULD BE WILLING TO LET CLERIDES AND DENKTASH
WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT. GUNES HAD SOUGHT TO GIVE AFFIRMATIVE
IMPRESSION BUT HAD HEDGED A BIT AND HAD SAID FIRMLY THAT
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GREEKS MUST RECOGNIZE DENKTASH COULD TAKE NO BASIC DECISIONS

WITHOUT GOT APPROVAL. ACCORDING CARAYANNIS, BITSIOS HAD TAKEN POSITION WITH GUNES THAT THAT WAS ALL RIGHT WITH THE GREEKS, AT LEAST THEY KNEW WITH WHOM THEY WERE DEALING. IMPORTANT THING WAS TO GET A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO SATISFY NEEDS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES.

2. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION, INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN NON-ALIGNED EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE CYPRUS RESOLUTION AMONG THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES, SAID GUNES HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS GOING BACK TO ANKARA TO WORK FOR SOME TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM CYPRUS. LATER IN THE DAY, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART COMMENTED JAIPAL STATEMENT WAS IN LINE WITH POSITIVE TENOR OF REMARKS MADE BY GUNES TO SYG WALDHEIM BEFORE GUNES' DEPARTURE. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD SYG HE COULD LOOK FORWARD TO SOME "GOOD NEWS" FROM ANKARA WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE HINTED AT BOTH TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND TERRITORIAL PULL-BACK.
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